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HEADQUARTERS  
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1. [REDACTED] SPOKE WITH [REDACTED] FOR ONE HOUR [REDACTED] SEPT.  
IN A NUTSHELL, HE SAYS FREI WILL NOT ACT TO SAVE SITUATION, NOR CAN  
ANYONE INCLUDING [REDACTED] HIMSELF INFLUENCE FREI AT THIS POINT,  
AND ALLENDE WILL BE INAUGURATED 4 NOV.

2. HE SAYS FREI KNOWS THAT REPLACING SCHNEIDER COULD HELP BEGIN  
TRAIN OF EVENTS LEADING TO MILITARY COUP BUT HE DOES NOT THINK FREI  
HAS POLITICAL SKILL, OR IN SOME CASES THE STRENGTH ANYMORE, TO PULL THE  
RIGHT LEVERS TO MAKE SURE A COUP SUCCEEDS. ALSO, DOES NOT HAVE  
COURAGE, NOR CAN THAT BE INFUSED, TO FIRE SCHNEIDER IN THE FIRST PLACE.

3. [REDACTED] SAYS THERE IS NO GROUP IN ARMY WHICH WILLING MOVE  
UNLESS LED FROM TOP. HE DISCOUNTS VIAUX AS MAN WHO COULD  
ONLY LEAD TO COUP ATTEMPT THAT FAILS WITH RESULTING CARNAGE.

4. HE WENT INTO EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF GRADUAL POLARIZATION CHILEAN  
POLITICAL SCENE LAST THIRTY YEARS, ENDING UP WITH DESCRIPTION SAME  
DIVISION TODAY WITHIN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY. BELIEVES VICTORY  
OF ALLENDE SHOULD HAVE COME AS NO SURPRISE WHEN VIEWED IN HISTORICAL

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CONTEXT. DISCOUNTS RIGHT AS SOURCE OF ANY FURTHER POLITICAL STRENGTH OR DOCTRINE TO ACT AS COUNTERFORCE TO ALLENDE. BELIEVES THOSE IN PDC WHO THINK PDC CAN EXIST UNDER ALLENDE GOVERNMENT AS LOYAL OPPOSITION PARTY ARE GRAVELY MISTAKEN.

5. IN SUM, [REDACTED] SAYS NEITHER THE POLITICAL FORCES, MILITARY WILL OR PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP EXISTS WHICH NECESSARY TO BLOCK ALLENDE. HE HOPES US GOVT UNDERSTANDS THIS AND SHOWED KEEN AWARENESS EXTENT TO WHICH AMBASSADOR KERRY HAS BECOME AN ACTIVIST TRYING TO GET SOMETHING DONE. AT END OF MEETING SAID IN NOT UNFRIENDLY MANNER "I'M ALMOST GLAD THAT THE US GOVT CANNOT DO ANYTHING IN THIS SITUATION". HE ADDED THAT HE BELIEVES THERE WILL BE CHANCE TO EXERT PRESSURES ON ALLENDE GOVT, WHICH WILL ASSUREDLY BE MARXIST AND TOTALITARIAN BUT EQUALLY SO UNIQUELY CHILEAN AND DIFFERENT FROM CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ETC. AVENUES WILL BE ECONOMIC ONES AND THROUGH NEIGHBORS IF THIS DONE IN MANNER WHICH AVOIDS MISTAKES MADE IN CASE OF US POLICY TOWARD CUBA WHICH SOLIDIFIED CUBA AGAINST US.

6. [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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7. CANNOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY THAT [REDACTED] WILL MENTION TO  
AMBASSADOR HAVING TALKED WITH [REDACTED] IF QUERIED, [REDACTED] WILL  
TELL AMBASSADOR THAT CONTACT WAS PART OF STATION PROGRAM GAIN VIEWS  
PEOPLE CLOSE TO FREI ABOUT WHETHER THEY THOUGHT FREI WOULD MOVE.

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